



# 38th District 1999 Session Report

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Dear Friends,

The 1999 Legislative Session concluded May 19, after meeting in Olympia for 108 days. As you may know, control of the House of Representatives is evenly split for the next two years as Democrats and Republicans each have 49 seats.

Despite this unusual situation, I am pleased to report many positive achievements were made. We passed a fair, reasonable, and responsible state budget. We took a solid first step toward improving our regional transportation system -- developing a plan that makes sense and actually works. Lastly, we took a historic step toward providing basic health care insurance to thousands of children.

In this newsletter I want to take the opportunity to discuss one of the Legislature's highest priorities: fostering a healthy economic environment for Washington's working families. Much of my work this year has been focused on helping Washington workers and businesses succeed in today's new economy.

Throughout the interim between sessions, I will continue to work for ways to improve our quality of life. I will focus much of my attention on strong and safe schools, work-force and economic development, continuing transportation improvements and saving our wild salmon. As I work with members of our community to address these issues, it is obvious that politicians alone cannot solve all the challenges we face. However, with your input and participation, positive changes can be made. What's more, the biggest difference can be made at the local level as we work together.

It is an honor and a privilege to serve you. Please take a moment to fill out the *ActionGram* on the back. Your input and ideas are important to me.

Sincerely,

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## Working for Washington's New Economy

### *HB 1941 - Worker Training Benefits/ Business Tax Cut*

Today's economy demands a highly-trained workforce - one that can easily adapt to changes in the workplace. I wrote House Bill 1941 to provide job training to thousands of Washington's displaced workers and provide a tax cut to businesses. It only makes sense for Washington businesses to hire Washington workers - and not recruit workers from outside the state for high-paying jobs.

## Training Workers for the New Economy

### *HB 2256 - Investing in a Highly Trained Workforce*


I worked to help business, labor and working families succeed in our growing economy. I focused much of my efforts on improving job training programs that benefit businesses and employees by recruiting, preparing and retraining our workers. HB 2256 would have made it easier for people to enter the job market or change careers. This legislation targets the necessary resources to help Washington workers acquire the skills and knowledge they need to compete in the new economy.



## Ensuring Productive Partnerships and Positive Results

### *HB 1632 - Coordinating Worker Training Programs/ One-Stop Job Training*

I worked with others to make sense out of the various federal, state, and local job training programs. I co-sponsored HB 1632 to help workers acquire the job skills employers look for. Under this legislation, certain job training services would be available to anyone in need. Job training programs don't work if those in need can't find them or don't know how to qualify.

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## ActionGram

I want to know what you think about the issues that impact our quality of life. Please write your comments below and mail this *ActionGram* to me. Thank you for your time and input.

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